



Convention Oversight Committee Status Report

October 6, 2026

Executive Summary

Following our constitution and appointment by the LNC, the Convention Oversight Committee held its organizing meeting on August 30, 2026. The committee successfully established its internal leadership, formally adopted an operational project charter, and approved the key leadership structure and directorship appointments to oversee execution across all functional convention divisions.

Internal Committee Leadership

During our August 30 meeting, the committee conducted internal officer appointments without objection:

- **Vice Chair:** Alex Flores
- **Secretary:** Mimi Robson

Project Charter & Operating Structure

The committee formally adopted the **Convention Project Charter** as our initial planning framework. Key aspects of this operational plan include:

- **Director-Led Model:** Planning and execution are distributed across specialized operational divisions led by Directors and supported by volunteer squads.
- **Committee Oversight:** The COC retains direct oversight and governance over the macro convention budget, major contractual commitments, and core programming.
- **Partner Coordination:** Frameworks for coordination and division of responsibilities with affiliate organizations (including the Nolan Institute) remain underway.

Convention Leadership & Division Appointments

To operationalize the project charter, the leadership structure and departmental directors were established:

- **Convention Director:** Paul Darr
- **Deputy Director:** Addison Patrick
- **Finance Manager:** Doug Kneble
- **Operations & Logistics:** Brittany Kosin, Director
- **Registration & Attendee Experience:** Kenneth Feagins, Director
- **Food, Beverage & Events (Hospitality):** Mimi Robson, Director; Wesley Martin, Deputy Director
- **Program, Debates & Floor:** Alex Flores, Director; Joshua McHoes, Deputy Director
- **Marketing, Media & Sponsors (Communications):** Kelsey Lyon, Director

Ongoing & Upcoming Actions

- **Schedule Modeling:** Director Flores is working with Interim Executive Director Steve Dasbach on a preliminary convention schedule framework to define business sessions and available blocks for ancillary events.
- **Volunteer Recruitment & Onboarding:** Directors are actively staffing coordinator roles and volunteer teams across all five divisions.
- **Meeting Cadence:** A regular committee meeting cadence has been formalized of Director Meetings every Monday alternating 8:30 and 9:30pm ET to accommodate our East to West Coast Schedules.

Respectfully submitted,

Paul Darr

Chair, Convention Oversight Committee